

# Advanced Environmental Monitoring Technologies

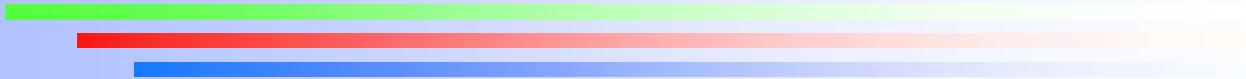
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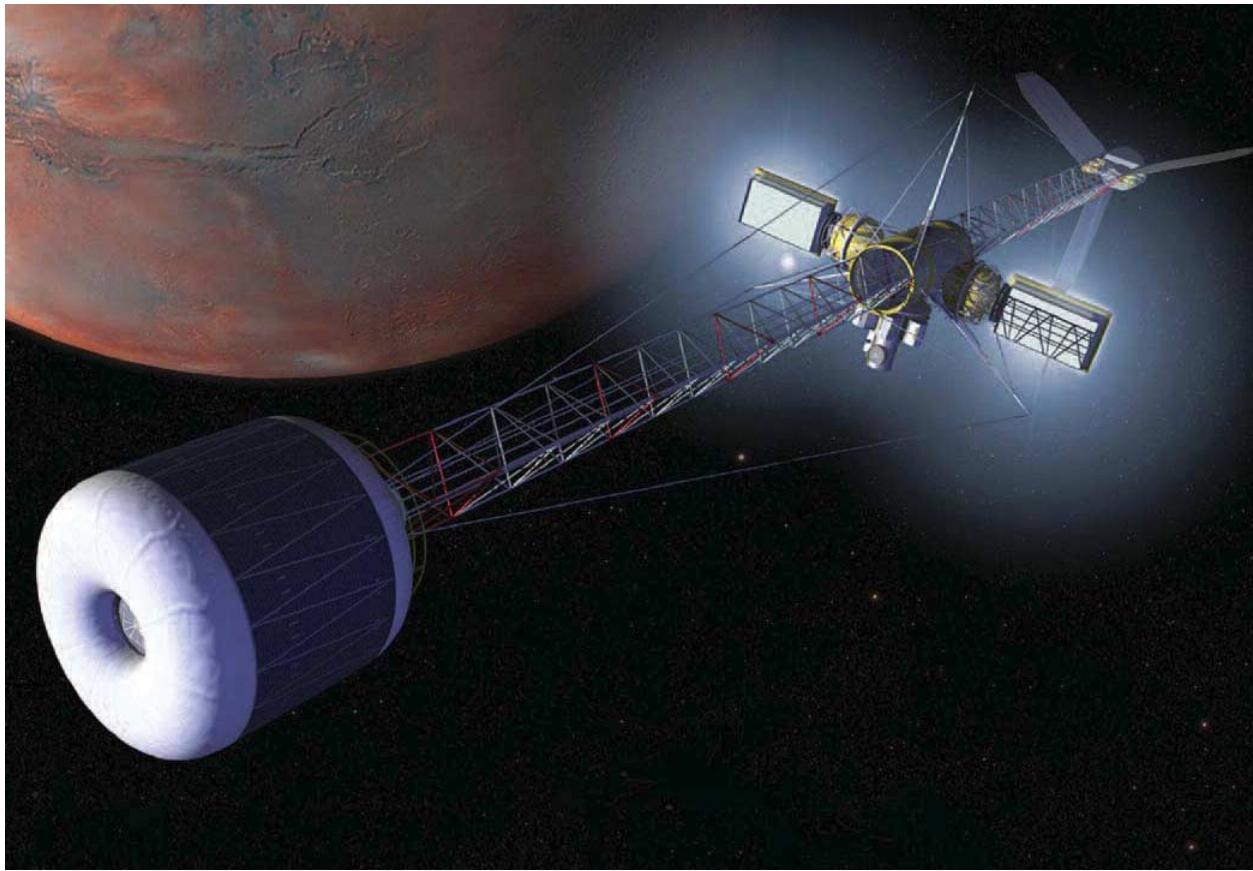
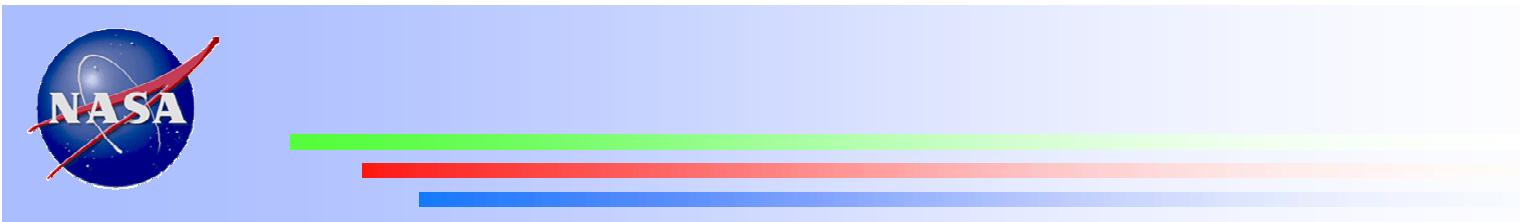
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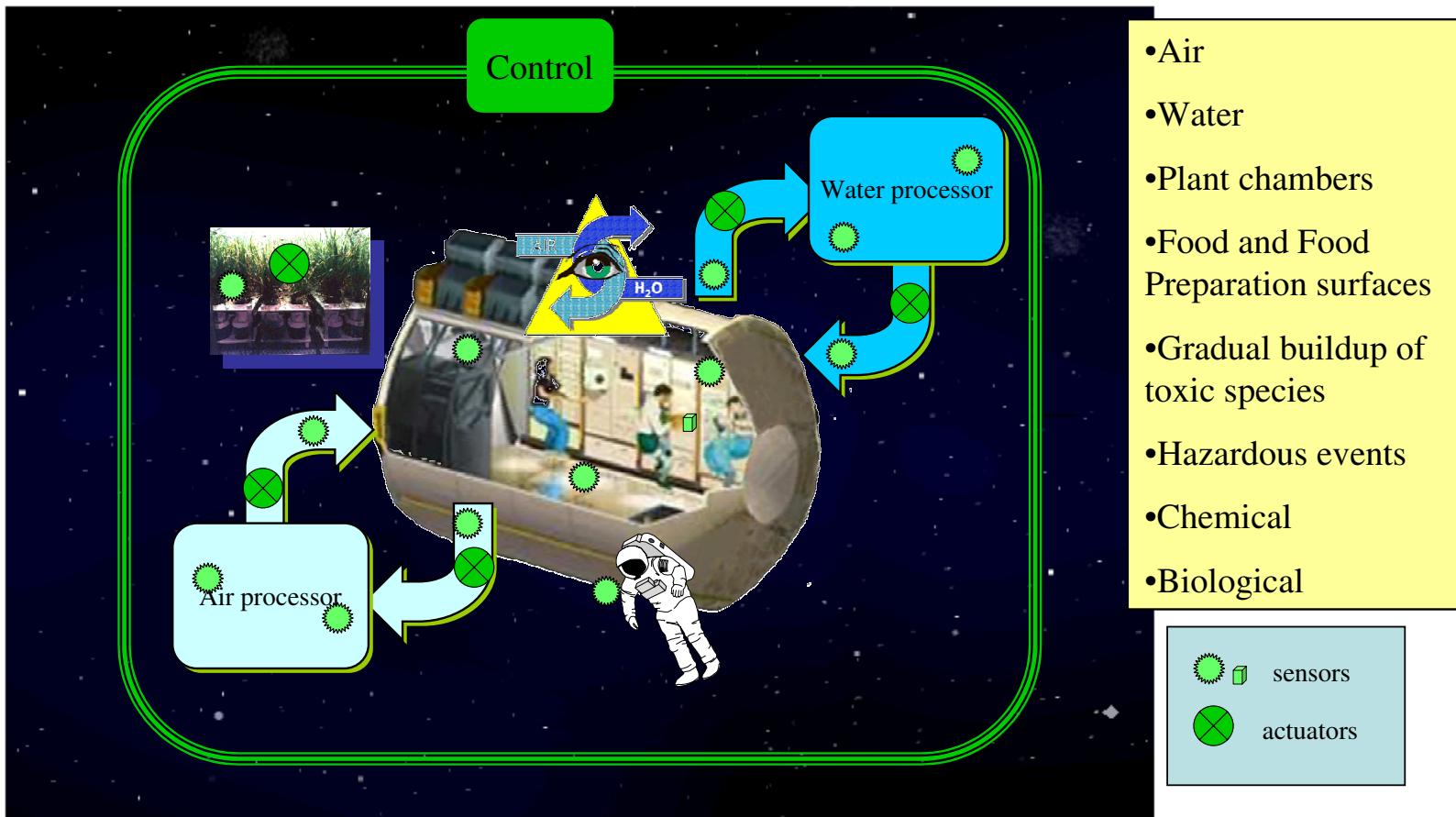
Apollo 12  
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Alan Bean ,  
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Pete Conrad  
retrieves parts  
from the  
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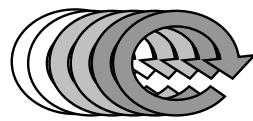
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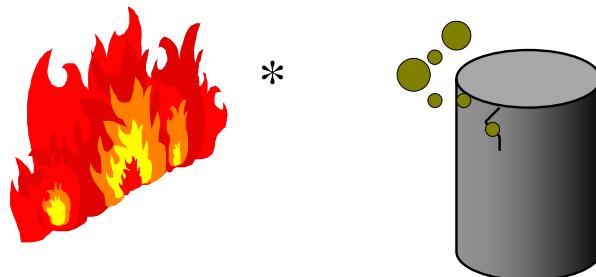
## Monitoring & Controlling the environment





Long  
time

COMPOUND	DETECTION LIMIT PPM
PRIORITY 1	
Acetaldehyde	0.1
Formaldehyde	0.01
Methanol	0.2
Dichloromethane	0.03
Perfluoropropane (F218)	10
Acetone	1
Octamethylcyclotetrasiloxane	0.05
2-Propanol	3
Freon 82	5



\*microgravity combustion not shown

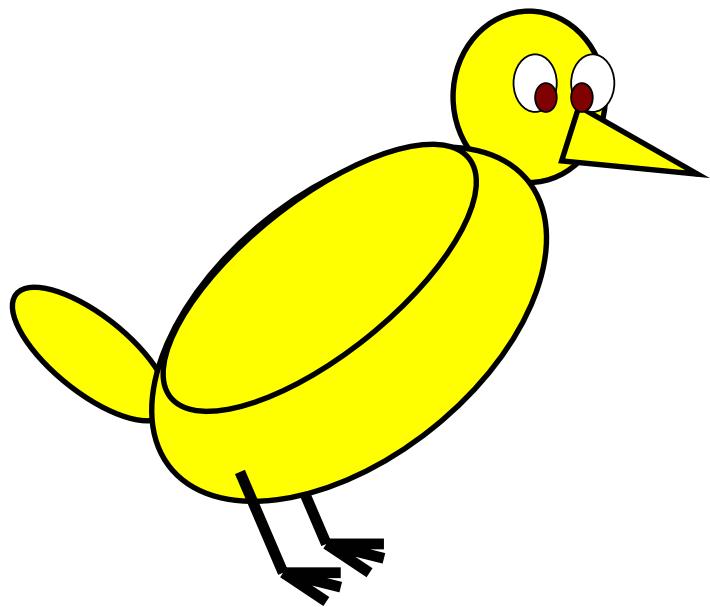
Gradual buildup of  
harmful chemical or  
microbials

Hazardous  
event such as  
fire or leakage



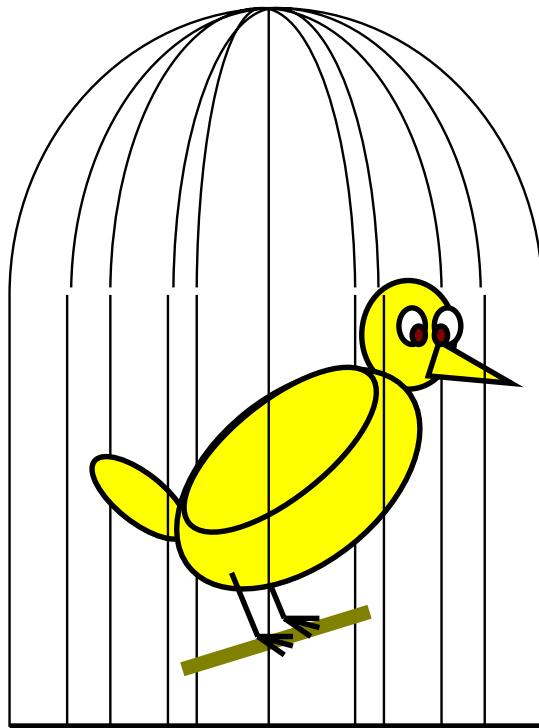
## ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLE:

CANARY





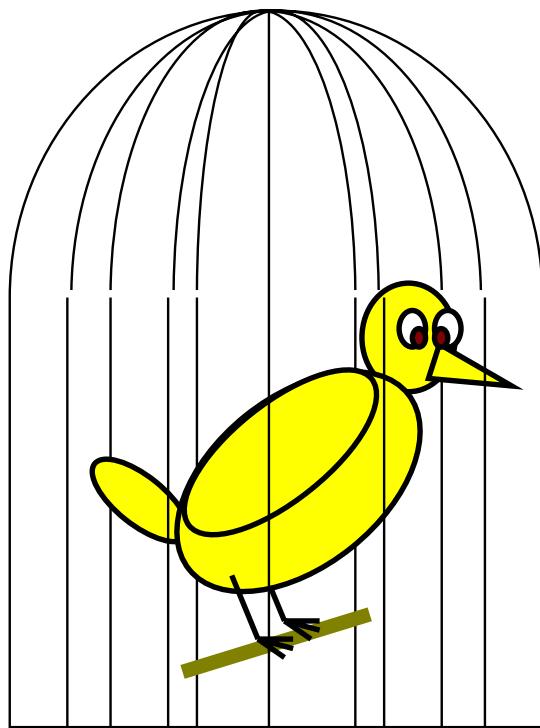
## Why a canary?



- Continuous air monitor
- Ground-based heritage
- Doesn't require skilled operator
- Relatively low mass, low power
  - Can consider placing in several locations
- High sensitivity to many toxic gases
- Multifunctional potential:
  - air
  - water
  - food
  - music
- Probably will work in  $\mu$ gravity
- Built in signal processing
- Edible



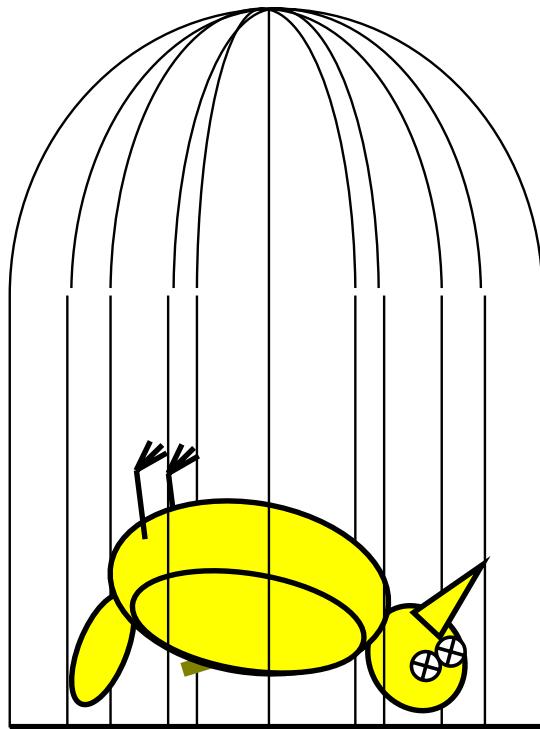
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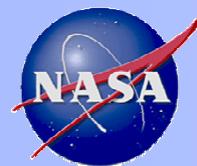
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- Generates waste products
- Overload requires complete system replacement
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- Difficult to interface and network
- Low precision display
  - Could be hard to read in  $\mu\text{g}$



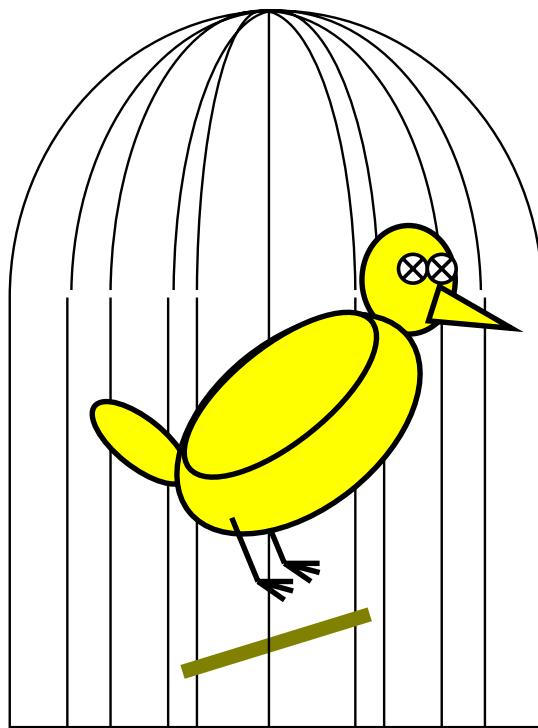
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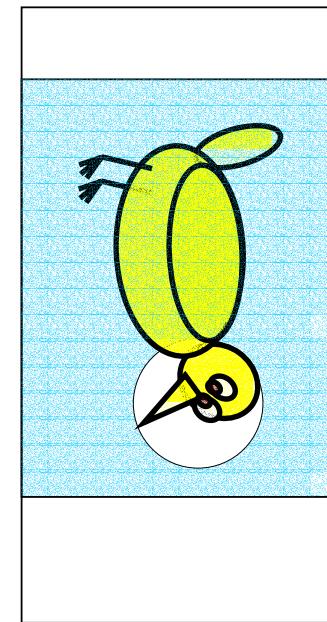
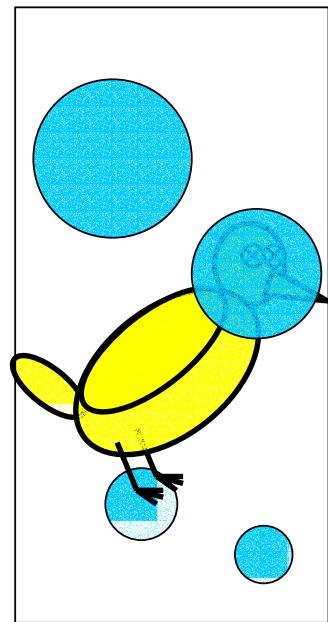
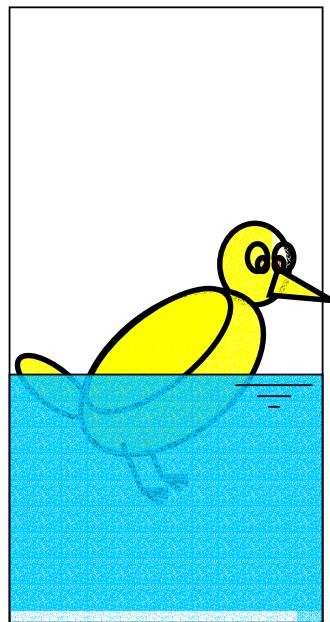


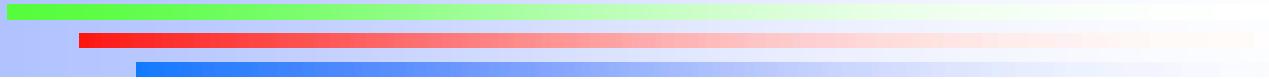
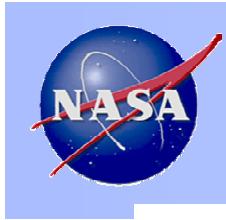
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## A canary in water

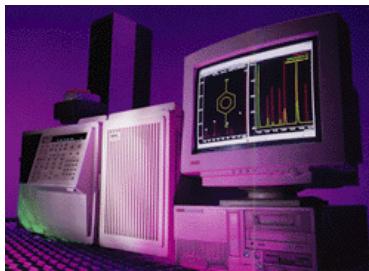




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## Ground-based Commercial technology



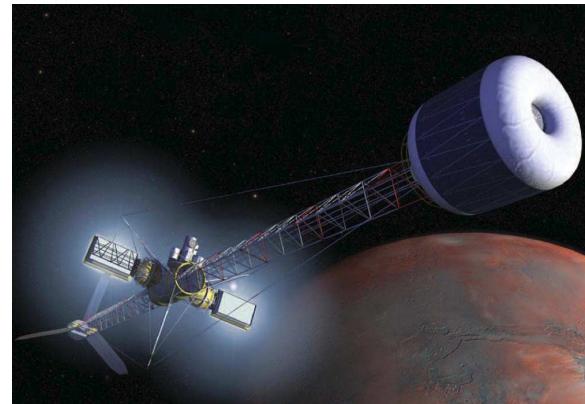
- High mass
- High power requirement
- High operator skill
- High capability
- May require gravity

- Lower mass
- Lower power requirement
- Low operator skill
- Low capability
- May require gravity

• **Breakthroughs needed to achieve high capability and low mass/power plus autonomy**



**High Capability & Low Mass/Power +  
Autonomy = key to future SpaceFlight**



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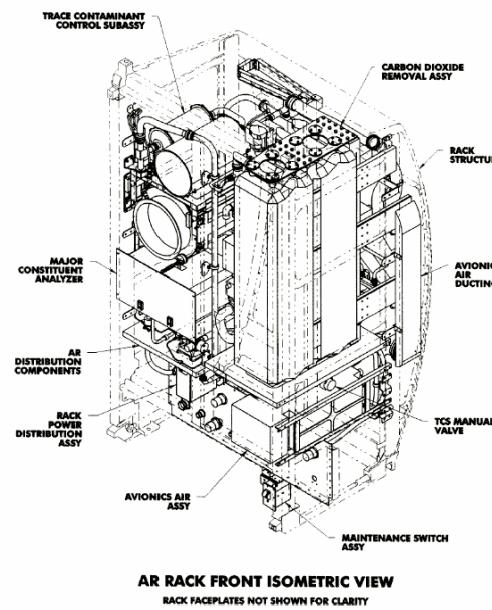
## Current Practice: in flight



Volatile Organic Analyzer (VOA):  
measures about 30 volatile organic species

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Major Constituent Analyzer (MCA):  
Nitrogen, Oxygen, Carbon Dioxide, Water vapor

2000-01-2345  
International Space Station Carbon Dioxide  
Removal Assembly Testing  
James C. Knox



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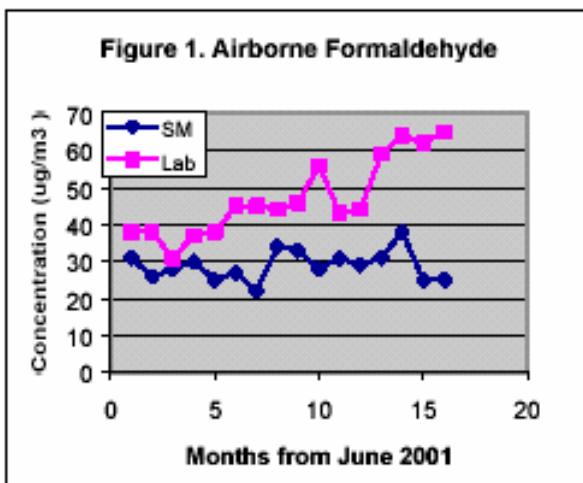


Figure 5: Grab Sample Container (GSC)

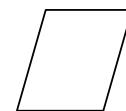
Grab Sample Bottles: Thorough analysis  
By GCMS, over 100 species

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## Formaldehyde Badges



2.5 in x 2.5 in

ICES 2003-01-2647 Toxicological Assessment of the  
International Space Station Atmosphere with Emphasis on Metox Canister Regeneration  
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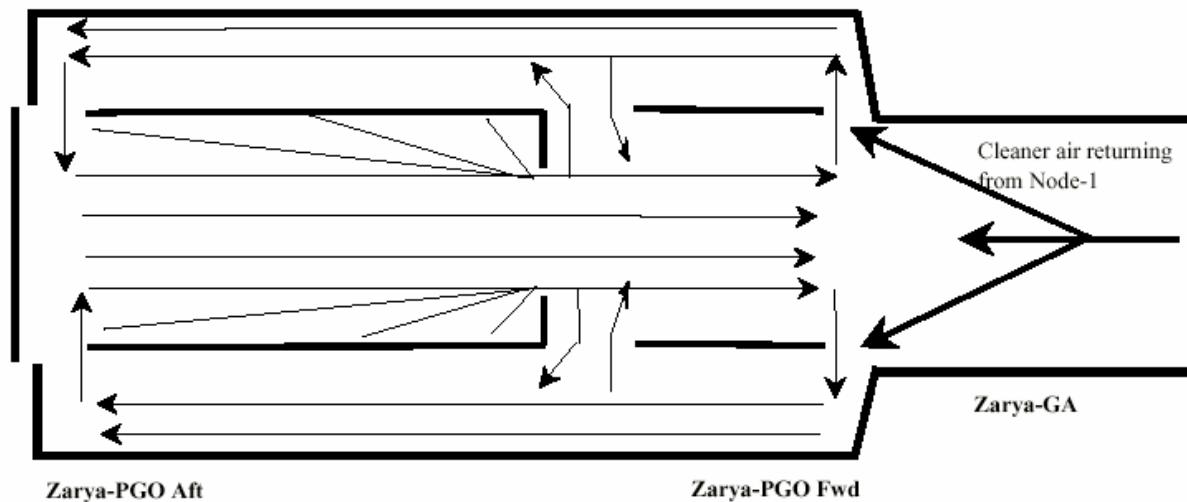
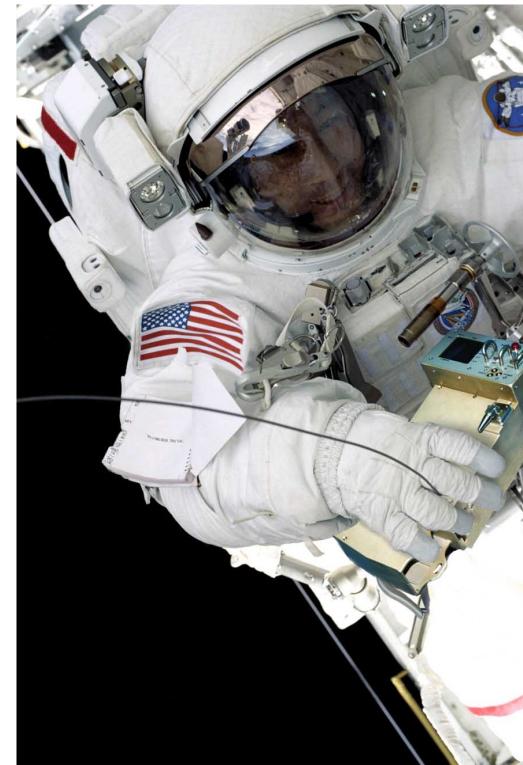


Figure 1. Overview of the airflow inside Zarya with opposed panels opened to 90 degrees. This diagram was adapted from Alibaruho et al. (1999) with addition of the flow arrows going from the walls toward the aisle through open panels. The goal of the figure is to indicate the potential for disrupted airflow where panels have been opened.



The QMSA Packaged as the Astronaut's  
Trace Gas Analyzer (TGA)

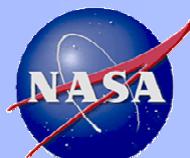


The Quadrupole Mass  
Spectrometer Array  
(QMSA)

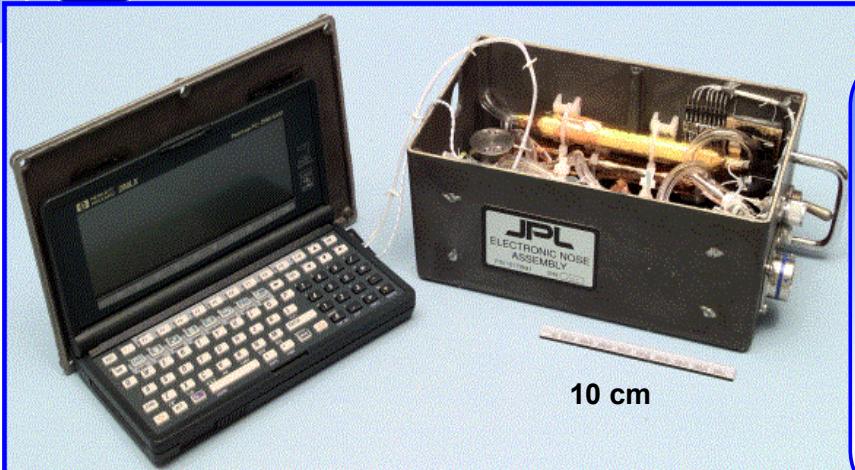
Smallest flight  
Mass Spectrometer  
in the world!

## Miniature Mass Spectrometer for Planetary Exploration and Long Duration Human Flight

- 0.5 amu resolution, 1-300 amu range
- Used by astronauts in Shuttle Mission 5A and beyond to detect ammonia and air leaks outside the International Space Station



## HARDWARE AND DATA ACQUISITION SYSTEM



### First Generation ENose: Flight Experiment

Volume: 2000 cm<sup>3</sup> Mass: 1.4 kg

Power: 1.5 W ave., 3 W peak

Computer: HP 200LX

#### Materials:

container - cast aluminum

wetted surfaces - glass, PTFE, polypropylene  
seals - silicon rubber

### Second Generation ENose

Optimized sensors, faster analysis, improved sensitivity

Volume: 760 cm<sup>3</sup> Mass: 0.8 kg

Power: 1.5 W ave., 3 W peak

Computer: Handspring Visor Neo PDA

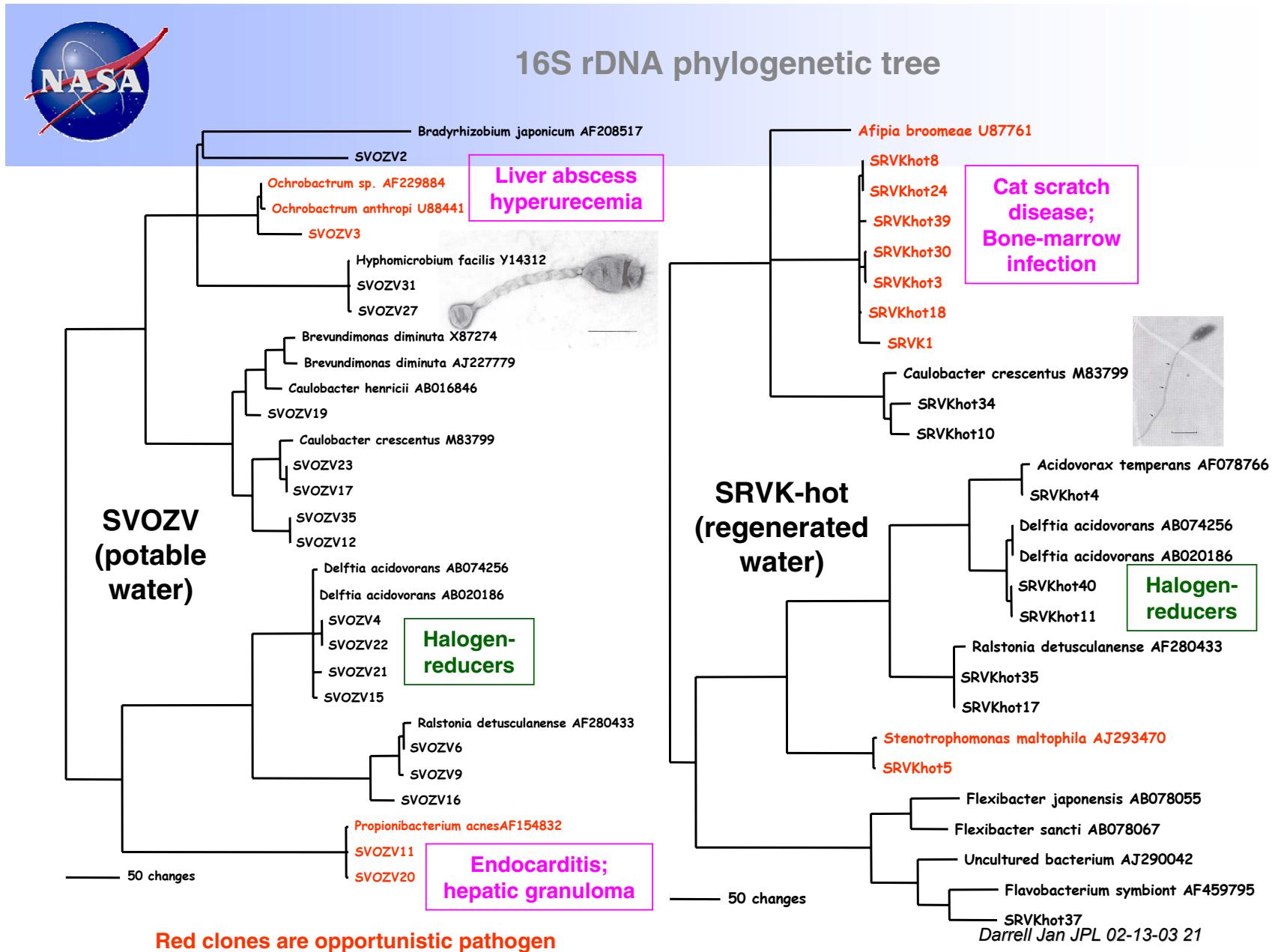
#### Materials:

container - anodized aluminum

wetted surfaces - alumina, parylene

seals - Kal-Rez







# Preview of Porter

